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Please find attached the draft notes for this meeting.

Thanks to Kim and Stephen for the quick turnaround,

If you have comments or corrections, please send them to Don and myself by COB on Friday, Feb 1, 2013.

Thank you.

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#### I. Introductions

The purpose of the cooperating agency meeting, including the cooperating Tribes and the applicant Donlin Gold, is to provide a brief overview on project activities over the previous two weeks. Documents circulated in advance included the agenda for the January 23, 2013 meeting. Don Kuhle, Corps Project Manager handled introductions and transitions between meeting topics.

### II. Agenda

- 1. Introductions
- Debrief on first 4 scoping meetings

(Topics: Travel/Logistics; Meeting format (i.e. Open House); Presentation; Moderating (i.e. handing questions); Other

- 3. URS Status Report
  - a. Task 3. Data Gap Analysis.
  - b. Task 6. Scoping.
    - i. Travel Plans for January 28 February 1 pending. Quinhagak, Kipnuk, Nunapitchuk, Akiak.
- 4. Plans for Agency scoping meeting February 6, 2013; 1-4 pm
  - a. Venue, who is attending, format/agenda
- 5. Other Topics

#### III. Debrief on the first four Scoping Meetings

The following table reflects feedback on several key topics and areas of feedback, as identified by the EIS Team. The categories chosen represent the topics of: Travel/Logistics, Meeting Format, Presentation, Moderating, and Other. These observations will be taken under advisement by the EIS Team for future rounds of public scoping meetings.

Travel/Logistics	Meeting	Presentation	Moderating	Other
	Format			
<ul> <li>Logistical support appreciated</li> </ul>	G2G, one-on-one meetings are	Move all Q&A to the end of the presentation to	Don, Taylor &     Moxie should	Consider     materials that
<ul> <li>Remember PPE and</li> </ul>	appreciated by	provide ease of	introduce	could be
Safety	the Tribes;	translation.	themselves; they will	provided in

• Track travelers' cell #s & lodging #s	explaining this special process is helpful  The Open House format has mixed results; scoping team will continue to be flexible in its approach  Testimony and comment process was confusing; explain this better	<ul> <li>Molly/BLM to provide one sentence explanation of Section 106         Consultation</li> <li>Public wants answers to fact questions, but fielding these is tricky.</li> <li>Provide suggestions on the Comments slide (Ex. technical issues, trends) without limiting people's input</li> <li>Fix facts: pipeline corridor is 100' during construction and 50' during operation; pipeline will be cold (but could still impact permafrost)</li> <li>Manage Court Reporter etiquette; ask audience to provide written comments to reporter, if available</li> <li>Cooperators introduce themselves with 2-3 points about their role; it will help with the understanding of multiple consultations and permits</li> <li>Try a simpler approach when explaining impacts; additional translators could help with the understanding because of technical topics and local dialects (ex. IGAP staff and Moxie)</li> </ul>	explain how they will answer questions as a team • Fix technical issues (ex. microphones) for smoother delivery & transitions • Introduce Taylor as the Third-Party Contractor; "we are working on this together"	advance of the meeting Consider additional translated materials Provide presentation materials to translators in advance
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#### **IV. URS Status Report**

Taylor Brelsford (URS) described the progress made since the last Scoping Meeting, held on December 19, 2013. Primary items of focus included the progress made on the Data Gap Analysis (Task 3) and the preparations for the second week of scoping meetings (Task 6).

- a. Task 3 Data Gap Analysis. Bill Craig (URS) provided an update on the status and progress of the Data Gap Analysis. Agencies will have opportunity to comment on the draft report upon submission to the Corp which is currently slated for March 1, 2013. As per the Cooperating Agency MOU, agencies will have 30 days to review and provide comment on major EIS deliverables.
- b. Task 6 Second Round of Scoping Meetings. Referring to revised itineraries, Taylor outlined travel plans for January 28, 2013 February 1, 2013 to the communities of Quinhagak, Kipnuk, Nunapitchuk, and Akiak.

#### V. Plans for the Agency Scoping Meeting - February 6, 2013; 1-4 pm

Taylor Brelsford (URS) covered the following items during a planning discussion for the February 6, 2013 Agency Scoping meeting.

- a. Venue Doug Ballou is checking into BLM Campbell Creek Science Center as a venue, due to the large number of expected attendees.
- b. Attendance
  - i. BLM is inviting their entire suite of specialists to identify questions of concern for the agency. Donlin has provided their "Donlin 101" presentation to BLM staff in the past, but it was noted that a refresher on the components of the project is always appreciated. BLM also requested eight copies of DVDs containing the Donlin Environmental Studies provided to URS as reference materials.
  - ii. EPA at least six EPA personnel will plan to participate at the meeting. Any additional personnel will likely participate via teleconference.
  - iii. USFWS staff will plan to attend. Any official comments provided by the agency will be done so in writing.
  - iv. State of Alaska ADNR, ADEC, ADFG will have a handful of personnel in attendance. Jeff Bruno noted that with only 3 hours slated for the meeting and a large number of attendees expected, topics will have to be kept at a relatively high level in order to expedite the agenda. ADNR will review what the state of Alaska will require in regard to state permits and authorizations for the EIS and the project.
  - v. Crooked Creek Economic, Social, and Environmental impacts are the primary concerns of the Crooked Creek Tribal Council as relayed by Matthew Nicolai. The Crooked Creek Tribal Council has solicited pro bono input from resource specialists on the potential impacts of the project to better help them understand potential impacts. After brief discussion of how the terms of the MOU may affect the use of additional experts by the Cooperating Agencies, Don Kuhle tabled this item for further examination at a later time.
  - vi. Chuathbaluk Lisa Feyereisen will be attending.
  - vii. Napaimute Dave Cannon will attend.
  - viii. Kuskokwim River Watershed Council John Oscar hopes to attend via teleconference.
- c. Format/agenda The "Donlin 101" presentation on project components is proposed for the first hour of the meeting. The remaining two hours will focus on agency questions about the project, rather than official statements by agencies on the project.
  - ix. Taylor Brelsford proposes organizing the discussion by disciplines (i.e. biological, physical, and socioeconomic).
  - x. URS will provide a summary of issues identified thus far in the scoping meetings, in order to save on duplicative effort. This will be helpful in reducing agency preparation time and lead to a more focused discussion during the scoping meeting. Agencies would like to see a more complete definition and discussion of the defined project area during the scoping meeting.
  - xi. The Agency Scoping meeting is not a public meeting, and notes will note be posted to the website. However, the agencies may provide written statements which are more official agency positions.
  - xii. The final agenda and format will be determined soon and materials will be sent out prior to the meeting.

## VI. Other Topics

- Week 3 & 4 travel dates for Public Scoping have been explored but not finalized. They will be announced once finalized with the Corps.
- The next Cooperating Agency meetings will take place on Wednesday, February 20, and Wednesday, March 6 from 1-2:30pm. This represents a slight shift in normal schedule due to travel for the scoping meetings in a prior week.

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